

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #61-3 Building Date: 1895
Building Name: Samuel W. Beall House (Crescent Nursery)
Location: 11723 Chilcoate Lane, Beltsville, Maryland

Private/Educational/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description:

The Samuel W. Beall House (Crescent Nursery) is a frame front-gable dwelling house with several rear additions, surrounded by subdivision lots. The main block is two- and-one-half-stories high, three bays by two bays; the principal entrance is in the first bay of the three-bay west gable end, through a door with a one-pane transom. The one-story porch which sheltered the front and side has been enclosed. The west gable end has a boxed cornice and full pediment. Centered within the pediment is a double window surmounted by a triangular lintel with crown molding and molded ray design. Above this, the gable end is enriched by turned collar-beam and king-post forming a decorative finish to the apex of the pediment. Extending east two more bays, is a slightly lower two-and-one-half-story section. The main block is covered with white aluminum siding, has brick foundations and asphalt shingle roof. Additions to the house include a two-story gable-roofed kitchen wing on the east, and a lower two-story addition further east. To the southeast is a small square hip-roofed outbuilding. West of the house stands a huge chestnut oak, and to the east is a playground.

Significance:

The Samuel W. Beall House is an example of front-gabled folk Victorian dwelling; it has been greatly altered however, so that most of its Victorian character has been lost. It was built ca. 1895 by Samuel Walker Beall on a part of Edmonston's Range known as Bennington which he and Judge Fillmore Beall owned jointly. In 1894, the Bealls executed a division of their land, Fillmore taking the easterly 24 acres including the dwelling, and Samuel the unimproved 15 acres on the west. Within a year Samuel Beall had begun the building of the subject house, a large and handsome frame dwelling that exemplified late Victorian folk housing of the upper middle class. This is one of few houses of its type still standing in Prince George's County: a front-gabled hall-and-parlor dwelling with its principal gable embellished by a three-part turned motif at the peak. Samuel W. Beall died in 1928; most of his 15 acre homeplace was subsequently subdivided and developed. The house itself remained in the family until 1958 after which it was converted into a nursery school/day care center. Since that time, additions and alterations have been undertaken, and only the gable-end treatment survives to recall the Victorian character of the house.

Acreage: 1.769 acre

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Samuel W. Beall House

and/or common Crescent Nursery

2. Location

street & number 11723 Chilcoate Lane ☐ not for publicationcity, town Beltsville, ☐ vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince George's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Anna Puryear c/o Crescent Nursery

street & number 11723 Chilcoate Lane telephone no.: 937-3133

city, town Beltsville, state and zip code MD. 20705

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 6062

street & number Main Street folio 619

city, town Upper Marlboro, state MD.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Prince George's County Inventory of Historic Sites

date 1974 ☐ federal ☐ state ☒ county ☐ local

depository for survey records History Division, M-NCPPC, c/o Calvert Mansion

city, town Riverdale, state MD. 20737

7. Description

Survey No. P.G. #61-3

Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Samuel W. Beall House (Crescent Nursery) is a frame front-gable dwelling house with several rear additions. It is located on a ca. two-acre lot surrounded by smaller subdivision lots. The main block is two-and-one-half-stories high, three bays by two bays; the principal entrance is in the first bay of the three-bay west gable end, through a door with a one-pane transom. The door leads into a side hall from which one enters the parlor on the south. The stairhall is to the rear (east), and runs perpendicular to the entry hall. An interior corbelled brick chimney, located north of the ridge near the west gable end, serves a fireplace on the interior parlor wall. A one-story porch originally sheltered the front (west) and side (south) of this main block; it has in recent years been enclosed, and only one of its chamfered posts (the northmost) survives. The west gable end has a boxed cornice and full pediment. Centered within the pediment is a double window surmounted by a triangular lintel with crown molding and molded ray design. Above this, the gable end is enriched by turned collar-beam and king-post forming a decorative finish to the apex of the pediment. Extending east two more bays, is a slightly lower two-and-one-half-story section, with an interior chimney at the ridge at its east gable end.

The main block is covered with white aluminum siding. It rests on brick foundations and the roof is covered with asphalt shingle. Windows are 2/2 double-hung sash. There is a small dug-out basement under the stairhall in the main block, from which the circular sawn joists and floorboards of the first floor can be observed. Interior features include a staircase with square panelled newel-post and turned balusters, and door and window surrounds with bullseye corner blocks.

Additions to the house include a two-story gable-roofed kitchen wing attached at the (rear) east gable end of the main block, and a lower two-story addition continuing east from the kitchen wing. There is a one-bay one-story shed-roof addition along the north facade of the main block, and a larger one-story addition to the southeast. Like the main block, the additions have aluminum siding and asphalt shingle roof.

A short distance southeast of the house is one small square hip-roofed outbuilding. Used in recent years as a tack-house, this outbuilding rests on brick foundations, has aluminum siding at lower level and German siding above, and has an asphalt shingle roof. Entrance is in its west facade, and there are no windows.

On the lawn which extends to the west of the dwelling house stands a huge chestnut oak, whose trunk measures ca. 5'8" in diameter. Behind the house, to the east, is a large playground; the property has for nearly thirty years served as a nursery school/day care center.

8. Significance

Survey No. P.G. #61-3

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
				local history

Specific dates	ca. 1895	Builder/Architect
check:	Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	
	and/or	
	Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
	Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Samuel W. Beall House (Crescent Nursery) is an example of front-gabled folk Victorian dwelling, very few of which survive in Prince George's County. This building has, however, been greatly altered, so that most of its Victorian character has been lost. It was built ca. 1895 by Samuel Walker Beall on a part of Edmonston's Range known as Bennington which he and his brother, Judge (of the Circuit Court) Fillmore Beall owned jointly.¹ In 1894, Samuel and Fillmore Beall executed a division of their land: the Judge took the easterly 24 acres (including the 15-room frame dwelling which came to be known as Alta Vista, and which burned to the ground in 1975), and Samuel Beall took the unimproved 15 acres adjoining on the west.² Within a year Samuel Beall had begun the building of the subject house,³ a large and handsome frame dwelling that exemplified late Victorian folk housing of the upper middle class. This is one of few houses of its type still standing in Prince George's County: a front-gabled hall-and-parlor dwelling with its principal gable embellished by a three-part turned motif at the peak. Samuel Beall, a government clerk and farmer, was active in support of the County school system. He served on the building committee for two Beltsville schools, the 1907 elementary school on the Baltimore Pike, and the 1925 consolidated school which still stands on St. Mary's Street. He also served on the advisory board for the Laurel High School.⁴

Samuel Walker Beall died in 1928; most of his 15 acre homeplace was subsequently subdivided and developed. The house itself, however, remained in the family until 1958 when it was sold to Della and Leslie Husband who converted it into a nursery school/day care center.⁵ In subsequent years, several additions have been constructed on the rear, enlarging the nursery school space. In the last decade the wrap-around porch on the principal facade has been enclosed, and only the gable-end treatment survives to recall the Victorian character of the house.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. P.G. #61-3

cf. Chain of Title
cf. Notes, Item #8

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1.769 acres, Tax map 13,2900

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Quadrangle name Beltsville, Section F

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

B

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan G. Pearl, Research Historianorganization Historic Preservation Commissiondate June 1985c/o County Planning Divisionstreet & number M-NCPPC, CABtelephone 952-3521city or town Upper Marlboro,state MD. 20772

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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8. Continued

Notes:

1 Prince George's County Deed, H.B. #14:130.

2 Prince George's County Deed, JWB #28:569.

3 Prince George's County Tax Assessments, First Election District, 1890's.

4 Prince George's County Census, 1900; Journal of the Board of County School Commissioners, Vol. II; Journal of the Board of Education, Vol. III. A History of Beltsville, 1976.

5 Prince George's County Will, WTD #2:48; Prince George's County Deeds, #727:357; #2167:507; and #2231:367.

Chain of Title

Samuel W. Beall House (Crescent Nursery) P.G. #61-3

#6062:619 6 March 1985 Deed	William J. Rogers and Anna Puryear, 1.769 acres, part of Parcel A which Rogers acquired by #2532:247.
#2532:247 14 Nov. 1960 Deed	Della O. Husband, widow, surviving joint tenant of Leslie E. Husband, to William J. and Marjorie Rogers, Parcel A, 1.88 acres, which grantor acquired by #2231:367.
#2231:367 29 June 1958 Deed	Samuel Walker Beall III and Suzanne G. Beall to Leslie and Della Husband, Parcel A, 1.88 acres, which grantors acquired by #2167:507.
#2167:507 6 Dec. 1957 Deed	Olive B. Beall, widow, to Samuel W. Beall III and Suzanne G. Beall, Parcel A, 1.88 acres; grantor is heir of Olive F. Beall and Catharine A. Beall, who acquired property by #727:357.
#727:357 28 April 1944 Deed	Olive B. Beall, widow of Samuel W. Beall, to Catharine A. and Olive F. Beall as joint tenants, remainder (4.93 acres) of property (15.14 acres) devised to her by Samuel W. Beall (WTD #2:48); this was homeplace of said Samuel W. Beall, described in deed of partition JWB #28:569.
WTD #2:48 24 July 1928 Will	Testator, Samuel W. Beall; to his wife, Olive B. Beall, all his estate of every kind including house and about 15 acres in Beltsville.
JWB #28:569 25 June 1894 Deed of Partition	Samuel W. and Olive B. Beall and Fillmore and Libbie Beall make amicable division of their land, part of Edmonstons Range, now held by said Samuel and Fillmore as tenants in common, and described in HB #13:496; Samuel will take Lot A, 15.14 acres, and Fillmore will take Lot B, 23.88 acres (including dwelling house) as per plat by Edward G. Emack, 1894.

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#JWB #1:82
13 July 1882
Deed

William H. Beall et ux, and Charles G. Beall et ux, of D.C. to Samuel W. Beall of Oswego, New York, and Fillmore Beall of Prince George's County as tenants in common, for \$1,000; 40 acres of Edmonston's Range, known as Bennington which grantors acquired by HB #14:130.

HB #14:130
21 Oct. 1878
Deed

Thaddeus Morrow to William H., Charles B., Samuel W. and Fillmore Beall as tenants in common; 40 acres of Edmonston Range known as Bennington which grantors acquired on even date.

HB #14:129
21 Oct. 1878
Deed

Fillmore Beall of Prince George's County to Thaddeus Morrow, 40 acres of Edmonston's Range known as Bennington, which grantor acquired by HB #13:496.

HB #13:496
3 July 1878
Deed

Erasmus Taylor, trustee, to Fillmore Beall; by Equity decree in 1874, Taylor was appointed trustee to sell the real estate of Elizabeth Earnest; accordingly, 5 Dec. 1877, Taylor sold 40 acres of Edmonston's Range known as Bennington.

#986
1874
Equity

Decree to sell real estate of Elizabeth Earnest, widow of Rev. Joseph Earnest, and children; ca. 40 acres improved by frame dwelling of 15 rooms in which Joseph Earnest resided at the time of his death, also stable and woodhouse. Erasmus Taylor appointed trustee to sell.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: Crescent Nursery				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: 11723 Chilcoate Lane				
CITY OR TOWN: Beltsville				
STATE Maryland		COUNTY: Prince George's County		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		OWNERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No				
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		
<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____		
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Crescent Nursery				
STREET AND NUMBER: 11723 Chilcoate Lane				
CITY OR TOWN: Beltsville		STATE: Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Prince George's County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: None				
DATE OF SURVEY:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site		
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE						
<p>The house is a 2½ story, 3-bay house. The windows are shuttered. The gable is pedimented with the entire entablature carried around the insides of the pediment, and has a decorative motif over the two gable windows. The square chamfered posts have mouldings to mark the frieze. The porch extends across the main (south) facade and along part of the west side.</p>						

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian

☐ 16th Century

☐ 18th Century

☐ 20th Century

☐ 15th Century

☐ 17th Century

☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal

☐ Prehistoric

☐ Historic

☐ Agriculture

☐ Architecture

☐ Art

☐ Commerce

☐ Communications

☐ Conservation

☐ Education

☐ Engineering

☐ Industry

☐ Invention

☐ Landscape

☐ Architecture

☐ Literature

☐ Military

☐ Music

☐ Political

☐ Religion/Phi-

losophy

☐ Science

☐ Sculpture

☐ Social/Human-

itarian

☐ Theater

☐ Transportation

☐ Urban Planning

☐ Other (Specify)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Very large old tree on property.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Christopher Owens, Park Historian	
ORGANIZATION M-NCPPC	DATE 1/25/73
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue	
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring	STATE Md.

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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Samuel Beall House (Crescent Nursery)

Prince George's County, MD

Susan G. Pearl

May 1985

Southwest 3/4 elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



P.G.#61-3

Samuel Beall House (Crescent Nursery)

Prince George's County, MD

Susan G. Pearl

May 1985

North elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



P.G.#61-3

Samuel Beall House (Crescent Nursery)

Prince George's County, MD

Susan G. Pearl

May 1985

West elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



NAME CRESCENT NURSERY

PG:61-3

LOCATION 11723 CHILCOATE LA. ~~BELTSVILLE~~, MD

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